

**Recommended Projects to Receive**  
**2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:**  
**Local Solicitation Allocations**

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Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The stated purpose of the JAG program is to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety.

Please note that the programs below are proposed and are being presented to governing boards for final approval. If any changes or updates are made, they will be reflected here in as timely a manner as possible.

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**Maricopa County, \$306,460**

**Adult Probation, \$67,421 - Community Restitution** is a restorative justice program. It is a community corrections sanction that allows the victims and neighborhoods to recover from the financial and emotional harm caused by crime. It also affords the probationer an opportunity to give back for the harm that was caused by his/her crime. Community Restitution projects are performed for non-profit and government agencies throughout Maricopa County. This funding provides for an expansion of the existing Community Restitution program. It will allow Adult Probation to increase the list of qualifying agencies at which projects can be completed. It will also increase the number of community restitution projects available for probationers to perform their mandated court-ordered requirement. And, by providing additional officer and crew leader supervision, it will allow for more projects to be undertaken each week. As a result, more probationers can either remain in compliance with court orders or actually complete their court-ordered and statutorily ordered community restitution hours. It will also allow Adult Probation to improve their Managing for Results performance result - the percent of ordered work hours completed.

**County Attorney's Office, Felony Warrants Program, \$117,700** - Maricopa County has over 38,700 arrest warrants outstanding for defendants in adult felony criminal matters. The Maricopa County Attorney's warrant program will utilize detectives from its Investigations Division to locate high-risk absconders (violent criminals, repeat offenders, those using deadly weapons) with valid warrants and work cooperatively and collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies, various task forces, and the U. S. Marshal's Office, to apprehend these wanted individuals. Overtime pay is budgeted for the detectives to use in completion of their contribution to the program. The Maricopa County Attorney also plans to hire a full-time paralegal (legal assistant) to review outstanding warrants and prioritize them according to risk and age.

**Juvenile Probation, Outstanding Warrants Apprehension, \$53,918** - Juvenile Probation will institute a warrants apprehension pilot program, specifically to address outstanding warrants (over 90 days). One component of this pilot program will address high-priority warrant cases (including warrants for violent offenders) and investigate potential whereabouts of the absconder. Warrant apprehension plans will be evaluated by a supervisor for qualification for the JAG funded round-up. Officers will participate with local law enforcement for the apprehension effort. Overtime hours will be pre-approved on a case-by-case basis. Intelligence gathering assistance provided by administrative or clerical staff can be approved (as needed) and funded through this grant program, as well.

**Sheriff's Office, The Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET), \$67,421** - This team combines the resources of individual agencies in western Maricopa County to confront the increasing narcotic activities in these communities, as well as in unincorporated areas. Standing alone, these agencies lack sufficient resources to address and impact the problem. As aggressive

enforcement targeting narcotics and methamphetamine in the metropolitan Phoenix area continues, the proliferation of activity into the surrounding communities is expected to increase. Outlying areas have become havens for those criminals involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine and in narcotics transactions who are escaping the heightened law enforcement pressure from the metropolitan area. Narcotics traffickers have spread and have since established a presence in western Maricopa County communities, which are now experiencing the violence and other criminal activities plaguing the inner cities.

### **City of Glendale, \$164,499**

The City of Glendale Police Department intends to use their funding for a **Radio Encryption Retrofit**. The Police Department utilizes Motorola XTL5000 mobile radios that were purchased in 2002 and are used in department cars. When initially purchased, 240 of these radios did not include encryption capability. Encryption is a feature available in a radio that allows public-safety responders to conduct two-way radio communications in a secure manner, a manner that will not allow scanners to intercept. In the age of identity theft, the department wants to retrofit these mobile radios to secure, "encrypted," devices.

The purpose of this project is to purchase the hardware necessary to install in each mobile radio; hardware would include the actual encryption module. In addition, there is software needed to allow the encryption module to work and labor necessary to both install and program the radios. While the actual cost of this project will likely exceed the grant funding available, the department is committed to completing this project with the use of RICO or other funds as necessary.

This project will increase the safety and security of both public-safety responders and citizens that department members have contact with in the course of their normal duties.

### **City of Mesa, \$242,540**

Funds will be used to **purchase replacement network equipment for the Mesa Police Department computer network**. This equipment is an essential component to provide a secure and encrypted network to receive and transmit sensitive law enforcement data. This will allow the Mesa Police Department to remain in compliance with FBI and Arizona Department of Public Safety network security requirements. The equipment being replaced has reached its end of useful life and will not be supported by the vendor after this calendar year.

### **City of Phoenix, \$1,212,050**

**Project BRAVE**, Parks and Recreation Department, \$155,000 - Project BRAVE (Bringing Reality About Violence Education) is a violence prevention education program that was created with the goal of decreasing violence in our community through awareness and leadership training activities. The Project provides comprehensive workshops at various sites, non-profit agencies, and after-school programs.

These workshops are provided at no cost and focus on educating youth about factors and issues related to violence. Youth are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violent behavior.

Workshops are designed for youth between the ages of 10-18, are 45 to 60 minutes in length and can be provided in a multi-session format to address more topics if necessary. The entire BRAVE curriculum is designed to cover a school year.

**Forensics Analysis**, Police Department, \$16,000 - The Forensic Scientist II position assigned to the Controlled Substances Section of the Laboratory Services Bureau is used to test items of evidence for the presence of illegal drugs. Based on laboratory test results the Phoenix Police Department can file charges against individuals who were found to possess illegal drugs. The laboratory test results provide the basis for an item of evidence being an illegal drug.

**Police Radios and Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Costs**, Police Department, \$428,000 – The Reserve Bureau currently has 155 officers, and the 11 recruits who will graduate in August 2010. The primary factor hampering some of the Reserve Bureau operations and its ability to increase the amount of donated services to the department has been the department's radio shortage. Funding the purchase of 54 radios and the O&M costs thru JAG would give the Reserve Division an adequate supply of radios, allowing the department to be able to issue radios to all Reserve Officers as needed. Given the annual contributions of our Reserve Officers (\$2.5M) having this supply of radios is necessary.

**Maryvale Precinct Crime Suppression Unit**, Police Department, \$96,000 – The mission of the Crime Suppression Unit is to address the "perceived" crime problems of the community as well as addressing the actual statistical crime concerns. The overtime provided by this grant would allow the precinct's Community Action Officers, Community Programs Officer and Graffiti & Gang Crimes Liaisons the freedom to combat the gang and graffiti issues within the community. It would allow them additional time to abate graffiti within the community and provide community outreach programs during the evening and weekend hours. The additional funding would also allow for community education events and presentations regarding graffiti and how it is related to gangs and other criminal activity.

**Overtime for the Gun Enforcement Squad NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network)**, Police Department, \$120,000 – The Phoenix Police Department's Evidence Processing Unit (responsible for processing evidence for DNA and/or latent prints) currently has a backlog of approximately 1,500 cases involving a firearm or firearm-related evidence eligible for NIBIN entry. Because this process must be conducted prior to entry into the NIBIN database, the entry of these items could be delayed months to even years. Overtime funding will be utilized to process these firearm-related items which will reduce this backlog and expedite the entry of these items into the NIBIN database.

**Equipment Warranties for NIBIN Equipment**, Police Department, \$125,000 – The equipment utilized by the NIBIN detail was purchased through the only approved vendor for this system, Forensic Technology Incorporated (FTI). There is an annual warranty cost associated with the use of this equipment. This warranty ensures that the system is maintained, updates are received and the equipment is serviced at no additional cost when problems arise.

**Equipment for the Gun Squad**, Police Department, \$75,000 - The equipment for the gun squad would be utilized for surveillance and tracking of suspects. Currently, the Gun Enforcement Squad does not possess this equipment, which could be utilized during surveillance efforts, which is a routine part of the job for a Gun Enforcement detective. The laptops will enable Gun Enforcement personnel to more efficiently conduct their investigations in the field through the access to PACE and the internet in the field, as opposed to having to return to the office to conduct records checks, etc. The purchase of the rifle would enable the entire Gun Enforcement Squad (with the exception of the supervisor) to be equipped with this tool – currently, 2 of the 3 Gun Enforcement detectives are assigned a rifle, which could be deployed in situations requiring this tactic. Audio and video surveillance equipment will be utilized during undercover operations conducted by Gun Enforcement personnel – this equipment is needed for proper documentation of these types of investigations and ensures that cases can be successfully prosecuted.

**Mobile Data Computers (MDC) and Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) for the Auto Theft Unit**, Police Department, \$91,000 – The Auto Theft Unit is requesting six MDC lap top computers and two ALPRs. Auto Theft has several vehicles equipped with Lo-Jack recovery systems but a computer is necessary to verify stolen status of vehicle. Vehicles equipped with the ALPRs need a portable computer to confirm the stolen hits that the reader identifies. Detectives conducting follow-up need the ability to run vehicles and trailers in the Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to verify the status of vehicles being inspected. The Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU) provides hot zones for recovered stolen vehicles. Computers and ALPRs are needed for detectives to work on improving these high crime areas. Detectives need to be able to access information from the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) in the field when investigating cloned / VIN switched vehicles. These computers are a necessary tool while assisting the precincts with proactive auto theft programs. ALPRs are needed for

detectives to recover vehicles in shopping malls and hotel parking lots. In these situations, there are too many vehicles present to manually run every vehicle.

**Equipment for Gang Related Investigations**, Police Department, \$20,000 – As gang members become more technologically savvy, their use of cell phones to communicate and further their gang activity has become increasingly common. Gang members' cell phones have become a wealth of intelligence information to gang investigators often confirming gang membership. Criminal street gangs have become educated by the criminal justice system and are less likely to admit gang membership. They also hide overt gang activity and have become more subtle in their criminal activities and when apprehended are less likely to admit gang membership because of enhanced punishment for gang related crimes. Because of this, the Gang Enforcement Unit (GEU) is requesting a Cellebrite Universal Forensic Extraction Device (UFED) Ruggedized Forensic system which extracts information from over 2,300 mobile cellular devices. The information obtained from the cellular devices will assist with solving gang related crimes, obtaining gang evidence for court purposes, and gathering gang intelligence to document gang membership.

**Overtime Not Related to Wiretaps for the GEU**, Police Department, \$65,000 – Criminal activity among various street gangs is not always consistent. Based on the number of current members and the status (incarceration) of their leadership, a particular gang may be very active or relatively sedate. In recent years, the GEU has seen some gangs undergo a dramatic decrease in criminal activity when their leadership base has been incarcerated. When these gang leaders are released from prison or when a new leadership emerges, we have seen those street gangs become increasingly violent and criminally active. Currently in Phoenix, there are almost 11,000 gang members and over 550 documented gangs. Through this funding, the GEU will focus investigative and enforcement efforts on street gangs that are demonstrating a rise in violent gang-related activity.

**Equipment for the K-9 Unit**, Police Department, \$21,050 – The K-9 Unit is requesting funding for six rifles and three ballistic rifle shields. The K-9 handlers frequently search for armed and violent suspects in a variety of areas. The suspects are hidden and have a tactical advantage over the officers. The assignment of K-9 rifles would allow proven and consistent searches when personnel from the Special Assignments Unit are not available. K-9 supervisors currently carry threat level IIIA ballistic shields, which are capable of stopping only handgun rounds. The purchase of new threat level III shields would provide the ability to stop rifle rounds with a hand carry shield. They are also capable of negotiating the uneven ground and staircases commonly found in the urban environment of Phoenix, as well as desert areas that surround the city.